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In re Application of ISHII et al :
U.S. Application No.: 09/743,768 :
Int. Application No.: PCT/JP00/03116 :
Int. Filing Date: 15 May 2000 :
Priority Date: 14 May 1999 :
Attorney Docket No.: 108101 :
For: METHOD FOR DRIVING ELECTROOPTICAL :
DEVICE, DRIVE CIRCUIT, ELECTROOPTICAL :
DEVICE, AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE :

DECISION

This is in response to applicants' "Request for Correction of Notification of Acceptance of Application" filed 12 June 2001, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181. No petition fee is due.

BACKGROUND

On 15 May 2000, applicants filed international application PCT/JP00/03116, which claimed priority of an earlier Japan application filed 14 May 1999. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 23 November 2000. The twenty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 16 January 2001 (14 January 2001 was a Sunday followed by a Monday holiday).

On 16 January 2001, applicants filed national stage papers in the United States. The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 18 January 2001, applicants filed an executed declaration and the appropriate surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(e).

On 23 February 2001, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), indicating that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed along with the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(e).

On 07 March 2001, applicants filed a response to the Notification of Missing Requirements. The response stated that the requisite declaration and surcharge had been filed on 18 January 2001.

On 20 March 2001, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903), which indicated that the application had been accorded a date of 07 March 2001 as the date of receipt of the 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements.

On 12 June 2001, applicants filed the present petition to correct the Notification of Acceptance of Application.

DISCUSSION

A review of the application file reveals that the executed declaration and surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(e) were filed on 18 January 2001.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition is GRANTED.

The Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) mailed 23 February 2001 and the Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) mailed 20 March 2001 are hereby VACATED.

The application has an International Filing Date of 15 May 2000 and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371 of 18 January 2001.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision, including preparation and mailing of a new Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903), which indicates 18 January 2001 as the date of receipt of 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements.



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